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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--EVENTS VIETNAM, CAMBODIA CONTINUE DOMINATE NEWS ALL LEADING TAIWAN NEWSPAPERS WITH STRONG CRITICISM U.S. INACTION. PAPERS, INCLUDING LARGE CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS AND CHINA TIMES, SEE PRESENT INDOCHINA SITUATION AS CRUCIAL TEST U.S. INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS WITH DIRE CONSEQUENCES FOR FREE WORLD IF U.S. CANNOT COME UP WITH NEW POLICY TO DEAL WITH DETERIORATING INDOCHINA SITUATION. CHINA TIMES WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JACK CHOW APRIL 3 COMPARED U.S. TO OSTRICH WITH HEAD IN SAND IN REFERENCE TO GROWING U.S. ISOLATIONISM. UNITED DAILY NEWS MARCH 31 EDITORIALY EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S COMMENTS ABOUT NEGLIGIBLE WEIGHT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA IN WORLD POWER BALANCE. PAPER SEES BALANCE AS NOW PRECARIOUS WITH TREMENDOUS IMPACT SHOULD SOUTHEAST ASIA FALL TO COMMUNISTS. CHINA DAILY NEWS AND NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS EDITORIALY RELATED THE PARIS PEACE ACCORD AND NIXON-KISSINGER

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"PEACE WITH HONOR" TO FORD'S DESCRIPTION OF FALL OF

DANANG AS "IMMENSE HUMAN TRAGEDY." LESSON DRAWN WAS FAILURE POLICY OF DETENTE AND NEGOTIATION WITH COMMUNISTS. UNITED DAILY NEWS SPECIAL WRITER JAMES WANG MARCH 29 SAW POSSIBLE LIMIT TO U.S. ISOLATIONISM IN SHIFTING OF U.S. EMPHASIS TO NORTHEAST ASIA INCLUDING ROC AND ROK AS STRATEGIC TO JAPAN'S FLANKS. (FOR MEDIA REACTION VIETNAM REFUGEE PLIGHT SEE TAIPEI 1641.)

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--USIS ECONOMIC SUBJECT BACKGROUNDEERS DERIVED FROM IPS WIRELESS FILE ITEMS AND USIA PERIODICALS CONTINUE DRAW PRAISE OF KEY ROC ENTREPRENEURS. YU YING-PIAO, TAIWAN SUGAR CORPORATION PRESIDENT, RECENTLY WROTE THAT MATERIAL "...PACKED WITH WELL-EDITED, VITAL INFORMATION THAT IS USEFUL AND HANDY FOR MY REFERENCE."

--POST ARRANGED WITH RSC MANILA FOR PRIORITY REPRINT BILINGUAL LIVING DOCUMENTS AMERICAN HISTORY, BASIC IPS PAMPHLET, MEET SUDDEN SALES SURGE WHEN PUBLICATION MADE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT FOR PRIMARILY FREESHMAN COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES. FIRST PRINTING 3,000 COPIES WENT ON SALE DECEMBER 1974 AND NOW SOLD OUT.

--FORMER U.S. ASSISTANT DEFENSE SECRETARY PAUL NITZE'S VISIT TAIWAN THIS WEEK INCLUDED CALLS ON LEADING OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRIAL SITE VISITS. USIS TAIPEI'S REVIEW OF CURRENT PERIODICALS TURNED UP MR. NITZE'S POLICY-SUPPORTIVE OBSERVATIONS ON DETENTE WITH SOVIET UNION IN QUARTERLY FOREIGN POLICY, AND AMBASSADOR UNGER SENT A COPY OF THE ARTICLE TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO PRIOR NITZE'S OFFICIAL CALL.

--IN FIRST OF FOUR-LECTURE TAIPEI LINCOLN CENTER SERIES MARCH 27 ON GRADUATE STUDY IN U.S. POST SHOWED AGENCY-SUPPLIED FILM "IF YOU WANT TO STUDY IN US" WITH INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND COMMENTARY BY USEF/C STUDENT ADVISOR. SRO TURNOUT OF 320 SO HIGH POST OBLIGED TO REPEAT PROGRAM APRIL 4. FILM PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPENER FOR LECTURE SERIES WHICH IS TAILORED SATISFY NUTS AND BOLTS INFORMATION UNCLASSIFIED

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NEEDS OF PROSPECTIVE US-BOUND STUDENTS FROM TAIWAN. SERIES ALSO AIMED AT COUNTERING PREVALENT UNREALISTICLY OPTIMISTIC EXPECTATIONS ABOUT EASE AND SUITABILITY U.S. GRADUATE STUDY. CLARKE

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